



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®
LOS PADRES COUNCIL

February 6, 2014

County of San Luis Obispo
Attn: Supervisor Bruce Gibson
1055 Monterey Street, Room D 430
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Dear Supervisor Gibson:

The Los Padres Council (previously known as the Santa Lucia Area Council), Boy Scouts of America, has operated Camp Mabel French for the past 40 years under a lease from the County of San Luis Obispo. We have enjoyed a wonderful relationship with the County and have made youth camping available to thousands of young people and adults throughout the Central Coast.

As much as our Council has enjoyed the opportunity to manage this camp for our programs, it has become clear to us that our council is not using the facilities to the fullest extent. It has also become clear that the camp facilities and infrastructure would be better managed by the County.

After the recent vote by the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors, sitting as the Board of the Water Conservation District, to allow us the option of terminating our lease agreement with a 60 day notice, our Board has voted to exercise that option.

Therefore, we serve notice that we will terminate our lease agreement with the County of San Luis Obispo effective April 30, 2014.

We would like to begin the transition process as soon as possible. Ron Walsh, our Council Program and Properties Director will be in contact with Curtis Black and Larry Iaquinto to review all the infrastructure and other items related to Camp French. They will develop a smooth and orderly transition from the Los Padres Council to the County of San Luis Obispo's General Services Administration.

It is our understanding that Camp French will be administered by the County Parks & Recreation Department through the Lake Lopez Recreation Area. Our Council further understands that the camp will be available to the many Scouting programs that have been held in the past at Camp Mabel French, and that these programs will be scheduled through the County's on-line reservation system.

We wish to thank the County for its continued support of our Council and Camp Mabel French and believe that this transition to County operations will be the best solution for all parties.

Most sincerely,

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